

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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1.  This communication is responsive to Applicant's after-final amendment filed 10/20/07.

2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,5,6,15,17 and 19.

3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:

1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

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4.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached  
1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

(b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

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6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_

4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material

5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application

6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Daniel J. Deneufbourg on 10/31/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

#### *In the Claims:*

4. In claim 1, line 16, "defined in the front panel of the pack" has been replaced with – defined in the pack –.
5. In claim 6, lines 9-10, "through the interior shell and is seated against the interior face of the bottom panel and a pair of rigid spaced-apart arms" has been replaced with – through the interior shell and a pair of rigid spaced-apart arms –.
6. In claim 15, line 9, "a unitary piece" has been replaced with – a single unitary piece –.
7. In claim 15, lines 13-14, "apertures defined in the front panel of said pack" has been replaced with – apertures defined in said pack –.
8. In claim 15, line 19, "surface of said front panel of said pack" has been replaced with – surface of said pack –.
9. Claim 19 has been deleted in its entirety and has been replaced with – The pack of claim 15 further including a strap associated with said support member and extending

between and interconnecting said arms, said strap being located between the pack and the back of the user and the arms being adapted for pivotal movement towards each other in response to a rearward lateral movement of said strap when said pack is mounted over the back of the user and said strap comes into abutting relationship with the back of the user. –.

***Conclusion***

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Justin M. Larson whose telephone number is (571) 272-8649. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 7am - 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan J. Newhouse can be reached on (571) 272-4544. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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